

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing apparatus for processing static image information and moving image information stored in an image information storing device, comprising:

the image information storing device for storing a plurality of the static image information, and a plurality of the moving image information comprising a plurality of the element static image information each having the amount that is less than that of one static image information;

and

an image processing device for reading the static image information and the moving image information from the image information storing device to perform image processing and generate processed image information to be displayed.

2. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image processing device enlarges the element static image information and generates the processed image information.

3. The image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the apparatus further comprising a determining device for determining whether the static image information is being read or the moving image information is being read from the image information storing device,

wherein the image processing device generates the processed image information without enlarging the static image information when the determining device determines that the static image information is being read, and generates the processed image information by enlarging

the element static image information when the determining device determines that the moving image information is being read.

4. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

5 the static image corresponding to the static image information is a static image used for selecting functions in an information processing apparatus including the image processing apparatus; and

10 the moving image corresponding to the moving image information is displayed while one static image corresponding to one static image information is being changed to another static image corresponding to another static image information.

15 5. An image processing method of processing static image information and moving image information stored in an image information storing device, comprising the processes of:

storing a plurality of the static image information, and a plurality of the moving image information comprising a plurality of the element static image information each having the amount that is less than that of one static image information; and

20 reading the static image information and the moving image information from the image information storing device to perform image processing and generate processed image information to be displayed.

25 6. The image processing method according to claim 5, wherein toe process of generating the processed image information enlarges the element static image information and generates the processed image information.

7. The image processing method according to claim 6, wherein the method further comprising the process of determining whether the static image information is being read or the moving image information is being read from the image information storing device,

wherein the process of generating the processed image information generates the processed image information without enlarging the static image information when the determining device determines that the static image information is being read, and generates the processed image information by enlarging the element static image information when the determining device determines that the moving image information is being read.

8. The image processing method according to claim 5, wherein:

the static image corresponding to the static image information is a static image used for selecting functions in an information processing apparatus where the image processing is performed; and

the moving image corresponding to the moving image information is displayed while one static image corresponding to one static image information is being changed to another static image corresponding to another static image information.